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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for preventing theft of vehicles using intensive permanent marking and a communication network comprising the steps of:

i) communication means establishing a service network including a service center having a databank for data processing and storage, and at least one service station providing anti-theft marking service to clients;

ii) means for effecting permanent engraved visible markings of an alphanumerical code at said service station, ~~and verifying and collecting information on said markings,~~ said markings being effected on a plurality of parts of a vehicle, said marking containing identification information of a client owning the vehicle and wherein said alphanumerical code used the ~~IATA~~ International Air Transport Association (IATA) codes to identify a country of origin of said vehicle which allows cross-referencing with the vehicle identification number thereof, and at least one part of the vehicle having a visible logo identifying the anti-theft service;

iii) verifying and collecting information on said markings;

~~iii)iv)~~ sending the collected information by computer means from the service station to the databank of the service center through a computer link;

~~iv)v)~~ a central computer at the service center, for processing and storing the received information in said data bank;

~~v)vi)~~ linking the databank of the service network by network means to the at least one service station, the insurance company, a police department and the national

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~~customs department, characterized in that there is further provided the steps of:~~

~~vi)~~vii) issuing a temporary certificate corresponding with the vehicle, to the client and an insurance company;

~~vii)~~viii) identifying used vehicles from new first owner vehicles and imputing any physical damage of said used vehicle into said databank;

~~viii)~~ix) storing for further reference said temporary certificate with said service network;

~~ix)~~x) processing collected information associated with said alphanumerical codes and transmitting same to said police department and customs department for verification and ~~recordal~~recording; and

~~x)~~xi) issuing an official certificate to said clients by said service network and wherein limited access is provided by link means to provide access to said data bank by said police and national custom department only.

2.-4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a step of installing the markings, including the intensive marking alphanumerical code and the visible logo, on the vehicle at the service station when the vehicle does not have the markings.

6. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a step of communicating with the service center to ensure that the intensive marking alphanumerical code provided to the vehicle does not match any existing intensive marking alphanumerical code stored in the databank.

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7. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising steps of installing the markings-on motor parts and installing the markings on external parts of the vehicle.

8. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein not less than 50 parts of the vehicle are provided with the markings.

9. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 1 comprising sending a request for a temporary certificate from the service station to the service center when the vehicle already has the intensive marking alphanumerical code and the logo thereon.

10. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 9 further comprising steps of verifying the intensive marking alphanumerical code and logo on the individual motor parts and external parts of the vehicle upon the receipt of the temporary certificate from the service center.

11. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising adding the intensive marking alphanumerical code to a number of selected un-marked parts of the vehicle.

12. (ORIGINAL) A method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising a step of adding the logo to a number of selected un-marked parts of the vehicle.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 4₁ further comprising a step of obtaining signatures of the client and an agent of the service station on the certificate upon the completion of the verification and collection of the information and the inspection of the existing damages of the vehicle.